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In re Application of
GABRIELSSON, et al : DECISION ON
PCT No.: PCT/EP04/51354 :
Application No: 10/564,681 :
Int. Filing Date: 05 July 2004 : PETITION UNDER
Priority Date: 17 July 2003 :
Attorney's Docket No.: 003D.0087.U1(US) :
For: LOCKING ELEMENT : 37 CFR 1.47(a)

This decision is in response to applicant's " RENEWED PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.47(a)" filed on 20 December 2006 respectively in response to a decision by this Office dated 29 November 2006.

BACKGROUND

The decision by this Office dated 29 November 2006 indicated that requirement (2) under 37 CFR 1.47(a) had not been satisfied.

On 20 December 2006, petitioner submitted a "Renewed Petition Under 37 CFR 1.47(a)" requesting reconsideration of the Office's decision of 29 November 2006 because Mr. Verreydt has been located and has executed the declaration.

DISCUSSION

The renewed petition states subsequent to the date of the Decision, Mr. Verreydt, was located and executed the declaration. The declaration is now signed by all the inventors.

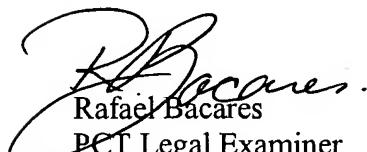
Accordingly, the declaration submitted on 20 December 2006 complies with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b).

The Notification of Acceptance (Form PCT/DO/EO/903) mailed on 05 December 2006 was an error and is VACATED with the mailing of this decision.

CONCLUSION

The petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a) is MOOT.

This application is being returned to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) for continued processing consistent with this decision. The 35 USC 371(c)(1), (c)(2), and (c)(4) date of this application is 20 December 2006.



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